

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION, FOR AN ORDER CONTINUING)	CASE NO.
THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT)	2005-00268
FOR FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL YEARS)	

O R D E R

On June 29, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) filed an application requesting to continue its Weather Normalization Adjustment mechanism (“WNA”) for 5 additional years, through October 31, 2010. Atmos’s WNA was initially approved for a 5-year pilot period commencing on November 1, 2000, as part of the settlement in Case No. 1999-00070.¹ On August 5, 2005, Atmos clarified various items in its application in its response to a Commission Staff data request.

A WNA is designed to mitigate the effects that abnormal heating season weather can have on sales volumes, customer bills, and utility revenues. Atmos’s application states that its WNA “has performed very well during the pilot period and has met this intended purpose.” Atmos proposes to continue its WNA with no changes to the tariff formulas or the workings of the mechanism.

Based on a review of the application and Atmos’s data response and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Atmos’s request to continue its WNA for 5 additional years is reasonable and should be approved.

¹ Case No. 1999-00070, The Application of Western Kentucky Gas Company for an Adjustment of Rates, Order dated December 21, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's WNA shall be continued for a period of 5 years commencing November 1, 2005.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Atmos shall file its revised WNA tariff rider showing the date issued and that it was issued by authority of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of September, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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